



Item for Agreement of Class Rep Council

ITEM NO. 2328-20 MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION WEEK

Proposed by

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Background

Council notes that diversity, inclusion, and multiculturalism are core values of DCUSU.

Council notes the appreciation and celebration of multiculturalism in Ireland, including the fusion of various multicultural foods in our cuisine.

Council further notes the duty of student representative bodies such as DCUSU which have historically showcased and celebrated various minority cohorts of society, and the necessity of these campaigns to reduce inequalities, exclusion, prejudice and racism experienced by various groups in Ireland.

Action

This item repeals the following items previously approved by Class Rep Council: Item No. 2213-10 (Asian Culture Week); and Item No. 2214-12 (Arab Culture Week).

The campaign week(s) shall be named 'Multicultural Celebration Week' and shall include the following, relevant to the cultures being showcased:

- Each week shall promote awareness, appreciation and celebration of various cultures in DCU and wider society in Ireland.
- There shall be a canteen culture feature showcased for each culture being celebrated during the multicultural weeks.
- There shall be no less than one social event for each culture being celebrated during the multicultural celebration weeks.

Council further actions the following terms for organising the Multicultural Celebration Weeks:

- There shall be one in the first semester of the academic year and an optional one in the second semester of the academic year.
- There shall be no less than two different cultures showcased per multicultural week.
- It is prohibited that these culture weeks take place on a reading week of any given semester.

Mandate

Council mandates the DCUSU Executive, guided by the VP for Diversity and Inclusion and the Black Students and Students of Colour Advisory Group (BSSCAG), organise Multicultural Celebration Week in collaboration with relevant societies.

The VP Diversity and Inclusion shall consult the BSSCAG at the start of the first semester to discuss the allocation of cultural celebrations to the multicultural celebration week.

